

SENATE BILL No. 312

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: None (noncode).

Synopsis: Environmental crimes study committee. Establishes the environmental crimes interim study committee to develop legislation designed to improve the enforcement of environmental violations by replacing the general penalty structure for environmental violations under current law with a more specific set of penalties. Requires the study committee to operate under the rules of the legislative council and to be staffed by the legislative services agency.

Effective: July 1, 2006.

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January 10, 2006, read first time and referred to Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedure.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2005 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning the general assembly.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006] (a) **As used in this**
2 **SECTION "committee" refers to the environmental crimes interim**
3 **study committee established by this SECTION.**

4 (b) **There is established the environmental crimes interim study**
5 **committee.**

6 (c) **The committee shall develop legislation that replaces the**
7 **general penalty provisions in the Indiana Code for violations of**
8 **environmental law and rules with a penalty structure that defines**
9 **the elements of specific environmental offenses.**

10 (d) **The legislative services agency shall provide staff support to**
11 **the committee. The committee shall operate under the policies**
12 **governing study committees adopted by the legislative council.**

13 (e) **The affirmative votes of a majority of the voting members**
14 **appointed to the committee are required for the committee to take**
15 **action on any measure, including final reports.**

16 (f) **This SECTION expires December 31, 2006.**

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